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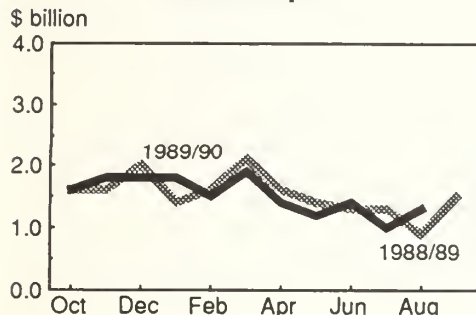
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Trade Surplus



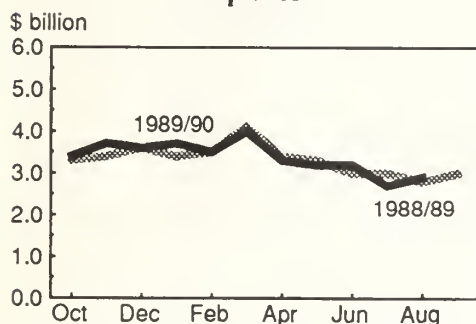
August Trade Surplus Higher -

The agricultural trade surplus increased 26 percent to \$1.2 billion in August. Exports rose 6 percent to \$2.9 billion, while imports slipped 4 percent to \$1.7 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1989-August 1990 totaled \$16.7 billion, the same as a year ago (table 3).

Exports Up In August - U.S.

agricultural exports increased 6 percent in August, totaling \$2.9 billion. Increases in wheat, rice, sorghum, animal feeds, soybeans, nuts, and cotton more than offset decreases in fruits, vegetables, and butter. October-August exports totaled \$37.5 billion, 2 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Exports



Corn export volume rose 4 percent in August to 3.9 million tons, regaining some of the 1.4 million ton reduction in July. Japan was the largest market, taking 1.2 million tons, followed by Korea with 790,000 tons. There were no shipments to the Soviet Union. Other major markets included Taiwan, Egypt, and Mexico. The average export unit value fell \$5 a ton to \$119.

Wheat exports jumped 13 percent during August to 2.5 million tons valued at \$326 million, reflecting increased demand in China, Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Shipments to those markets more than compensated for reduced shipments to the USSR. The wheat export unit value fell \$7 a ton to \$132, the eighth consecutive monthly drop.

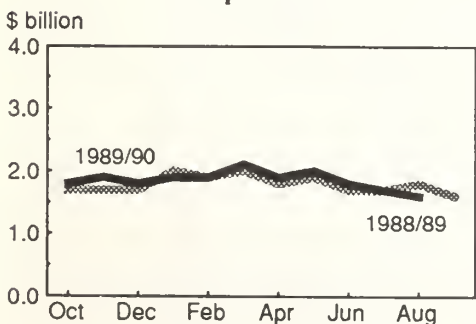
Soybean export volume jumped 35 percent in August to 761,000 tons valued at \$181 million. The gain resulted from increased demand in

Japan, Taiwan, and Mexico. The average export unit value for soybeans remained unchanged at \$238 a ton. *Soybean meal* exports of 287,000 tons went primarily to Canada, Venezuela, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia.

Cotton exports of 119,000 tons in August were 24 percent above the previous month. The major market was China, followed by Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong. Cotton export unit values edged down \$12 a ton to \$1,624.

Agricultural imports fell 4 percent in August to \$1.7 billion. Decreases in fruits and vegetables, coffee, live animals, sugar, and tobacco more than offset gains in meat, vegetable oils, cocoa, and nursery stock. The cumulative import figure for October-August reached \$20.8 billion, 4 percent above the same period a year ago. (Stephen R. Milmo, 202-786-1822)

Imports



Monthly Shipments Vary by Major Market - Monthly shipments to Japan, Canada, Korea, and Mexico have been more stable than those to the Soviet Union and the EC. Shipments to the USSR plunged 88 percent in August following a 76 percent drop in July. A similar decline to the USSR occurred last year. Sales to the Soviet Union, predominantly grains and oilmeals, generally fall off in the summer during the Soviet harvest.

U.S. exports to Canada averaged \$357 million a month from January through August 1990 after averaging half that amount during October-December 1989. The increase is largely due to a change in trade reporting. Prior to January 1990, U.S. exports to Canada were underreported. (table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	36,638,208	37,459,057	--	--	2,767,043	2,944,996
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	5,994,695	6,013,733	--	--	518,377	541,115
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	409,032	319,339	--	--	23,042	19,248
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	240	113	146,159	82,487	8	9	5,611	6,568
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	35	71	197,053	185,745	4	6	13,726	8,397
Swine - live (NO)	170	52	20,286	9,093	2	2	414	453
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	293	400	10,622	12,979	7	55	180	1,717
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	34,912	29,034	--	--	3,110	2,113
Meats and meat products (MT)	796	806	2,178,227	2,243,183	81	80	199,031	223,288
Beef and veal (MT)	320	334	1,319,752	1,363,691	36	35	122,211	144,225
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	313	327	1,297,541	1,331,883	35	34	119,263	139,819
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	7	8	22,210	31,808	1	1	2,948	4,406
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	52	50	114,679	133,782	5	5	11,100	14,394
Pork (MT)	77	82	277,598	316,313	7	5	25,791	22,755
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	66	68	250,041	282,149	6	4	23,029	19,769
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	11	14	27,557	34,164	1	1	2,762	2,987
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	271	222	395,205	333,417	24	22	31,963	32,553
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	75	118	70,994	95,980	9	12	7,965	9,361
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	668,053	784,527	--	--	62,781	76,931
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	72,878	88,041	--	--	7,068	9,393
Baby chicks (NO)	33,203	36,565	63,397	73,248	2,778	3,843	5,452	8,169
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	9,481	14,792	--	--	1,616	1,225
Poultry meats (MT)	395	521	472,823	581,312	38	51	45,123	57,460
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	354	468	411,178	478,802	33	44	37,728	45,193
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	17	18	21,669	24,049	2	2	3,544	3,152
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	13	13	15,233	13,871	1	1	1,351	1,385
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	12	22	24,744	64,591	1	3	2,500	7,731
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	2	2	30,827	28,853	0	0	3,000	1,621
Eggs (NA)	--	--	91,525	86,321	--	--	7,590	8,457
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	432,672	320,899	--	--	39,904	19,941
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	13	4	20,530	2,982	1	0	308	296
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	135	13	134,271	19,190	16	0	12,954	249
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	15	62	25,407	97,199	1	0	2,670	4,413
Cheese (MT)	12	11	26,949	32,295	1	1	2,014	3,107
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	44,491	32,079	--	--	3,705	3,455
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	181,023	137,154	--	--	18,253	12,422
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	1,221	1,163	476,070	424,148	93	99	34,922	34,780
Lard (MT)	58	43	27,841	19,936	6	4	2,576	1,776
Tallow - inedible (MT)	969	921	361,949	319,340	72	73	25,079	24,117
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	194	198	86,281	84,872	16	22	7,267	8,887
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,585,542	1,664,130	--	--	138,107	145,272
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	24,204	22,908	1,258,633	1,257,301	2,076	2,027	112,026	117,475
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	31,293	35,359	--	--	3,120	3,428
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	155,636	211,327	--	--	17,262	20,149
Furskins (NA)	--	--	139,980	160,143	--	--	5,700	4,220
Mink pelts (NO)	2,903	5,026	86,558	113,146	138	106	3,647	2,547
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	53,421	46,997	--	--	2,053	1,673
Wool and mohair (MT)	6	7	36,761	29,610	0	0	1,249	1,049
Sausage casings (MT)	9	10	26,798	30,417	1	1	2,725	2,323
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	46,199	55,641	--	--	6,033	3,683
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	135,341	141,838	--	--	10,583	14,598
Grains and feeds (MT)	105,328	105,930	15,428,379	14,734,905	8,370	8,732	1,240,545	1,186,445
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	33,581	25,197	5,350,887	3,868,678	3,510	2,465	555,295	326,483
Wheat flour (MT)	999	825	213,653	190,874	115	55	26,292	10,339
Bulgur wheat (MT)	39	16	9,142	2,723	0	0	52	15
Other wheat products (MT)	10	15	9,489	14,084	1	2	1,142	1,705
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	2,768	2,294	863,204	764,032	178	141	57,823	45,468
Feed grains and products (MT)	56,991	66,262	6,939,367	7,708,395	3,561	4,771	408,679	570,907
Feed grains (MT)	56,626	65,826	6,823,460	7,588,017	3,526	4,721	397,876	557,186
Barley (MT)	1,543	1,854	192,530	214,053	207	218	24,986	24,108
Corn (MT)	47,788	57,180	5,799,084	6,613,670	2,713	3,898	307,541	464,838
Grain sorghums (MT)	7,188	6,778	819,809	758,551	601	602	64,701	67,893
Oats (MT)	9	9	1,225	1,247	1	1	132	77
Rye (MT)	98	5	10,813	497	4	2	516	270
Feed grain products (MT)	364	437	115,907	120,378	35	50	10,803	13,721
Popcorn (MT)	65	65	37,230	37,163	5	6	2,490	2,963
Blended food products (MT)	206	272	61,555	78,008	31	81	6,690	19,822
Other grain products (MT)	402	551	233,522	360,215	31	34	23,930	34,932
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,268	10,432	1,710,329	1,710,732	937	1,176	158,151	173,811
Corn by-products (MT)	4,952	5,311	731,270	730,517	470	705	66,707	85,746
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	512	505	75,447	79,019	50	57	7,176	9,143
Beet pulp (MT)	613	507	78,126	62,729	19	39	2,623	4,547
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	693	457	82,962	51,560	3	0	199	0
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	3,497	3,652	742,524	786,907	396	375	81,446	74,375
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	1,945	2,068	1,413,886	1,656,610	154	195	122,428	175,090
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,655	1,748	1,030,264	1,211,477	125	160	83,812	128,376
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	978	880	538,536	509,870	52	52	33,092	30,735
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	472	278	229,665	155,980	12	11	6,179	5,889
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	134	129	93,331	97,383	13	12	10,876	9,672
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	368	472	212,772	255,866	27	29	15,968	15,155
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	678	868	491,728	701,607	73	108	50,720	97,641
Apples - fresh (MT)	238	329	120,101	167,237	8	13	3,978	9,079
Grapes - fresh (MT)	109	116	104,614	131,085	14	24	13,750	26,758
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	331	424	267,013	403,286	51	71	32,992	61,804
Fruits - dried (MT)	145	169	234,389	272,745	14	17	24,236	27,765
Raisins - dried (MT)	85	93	133,783	147,214	9	11	16,045	16,348
Prunes - dried (MT)	52	67	84,067	106,385	4	6	7,402	9,599
Other dried fruits (MT)	9	9	16,539	19,147	0	1	788	1,819

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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	73	75	74,582	78,329	6	6	6,212	6,653
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	29	32	28,031	35,030	4	7	3,918	6,033
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	41	46	46,620	59,029	4	5	4,250	6,262
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	4,573	5,421	241,249	298,882	426	656	21,523	32,396
Orange juice (HL)	2,478	3,011	122,379	150,813	255	397	11,572	18,592
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,095	2,410	118,869	148,069	171	259	9,951	13,804
Wine (HL)	520	751	80,015	96,564	83	82	10,155	10,783
Nuts and preparations (MT)	433	520	772,742	842,448	36	31	69,880	57,155
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	147	148	454,782	469,863	17	11	50,801	33,918
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	202	284	152,633	178,014	17	17	12,254	12,066
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	63	62	99,037	116,594	1	1	1,866	3,135
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	3	6	8,943	22,293	0	1	1,084	3,573
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	18	20	57,346	55,684	1	1	3,874	4,462
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,424,161	1,931,985	--	--	109,780	143,922
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	680	1,059	327,539	549,499	34	65	15,172	32,654
Celery - fresh (MT)	61	87	19,315	30,575	2	3	987	1,061
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	27	52	16,012	31,141	1	2	524	1,344
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	154	186	48,438	81,489	8	13	2,862	5,581
Onions - fresh (MT)	83	108	22,903	34,558	5	9	1,425	2,545
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	115	139	43,101	57,506	6	10	2,562	4,481
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	75	106	48,468	69,297	4	10	2,410	5,691
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	165	380	129,301	244,933	7	17	4,402	11,951
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	253	291	189,677	230,591	21	26	15,931	20,966
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	49	54	37,062	42,938	4	4	2,961	3,797
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	150	179	101,550	128,929	13	16	8,779	11,792
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	54	59	51,065	58,724	4	5	4,192	5,376
Vegetables - canned (MT)	148	182	130,632	156,218	12	12	10,626	10,507
Pulses (MT)	463	554	250,511	293,889	39	31	18,662	16,140
Dried beans (MT)	317	360	195,546	224,074	25	19	12,854	11,318
Dried peas (MT)	105	139	34,037	43,466	8	8	2,762	2,385
Dried lentils (MT)	42	54	20,928	26,349	6	5	3,047	2,437
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	12	13	71,080	82,311	1	1	5,314	4,673
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	454,722	619,478	--	--	44,074	58,983
Oilseeds and products (MT)	20,169	22,641	6,342,224	5,772,909	880	1,196	289,492	335,003
Oilcake and meal (MT)	4,783	4,517	1,319,588	970,998	188	311	45,416	64,166
Soybean meal (MT)	4,655	4,348	1,297,910	945,577	178	287	43,934	61,132
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	128	169	21,678	25,420	10	23	1,482	3,034
Oilseeds (MT)	14,092	16,918	4,227,231	4,041,908	530	789	151,621	204,649
Soybeans (MT)	13,629	16,465	3,969,718	3,757,488	497	761	131,662	181,107
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	82	91	43,299	50,362	4	4	2,131	2,763
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	51	62	41,336	44,350	2	4	1,161	2,770
Other oilseeds (MT)	270	232	79,591	66,156	21	13	6,604	4,673
Protein substances (MT)	61	68	93,288	123,553	7	7	10,064	13,337
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,293	1,206	795,404	760,003	162	96	92,455	66,188
Soybean oil (MT)	633	554	345,639	301,377	82	38	42,171	22,031
Cottonseed oil (MT)	152	156	77,758	75,198	29	10	14,739	4,570
Sunflower oil (MT)	191	156	96,539	83,738	23	12	11,635	7,043
Corn oil (MT)	155	173	97,624	112,801	12	20	8,152	14,859
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	163	166	177,845	186,890	16	17	15,758	17,684
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	198	208	1,202,569	1,299,810	11	10	58,362	62,462
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	49	49	336,510	337,610	3	3	16,225	17,682
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	103	117	672,869	774,175	5	4	30,212	29,081
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	47	41	193,190	188,024	3	3	11,924	15,699
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,334	1,576	1,870,908	2,558,624	110	119	164,698	192,502
Cotton linters (MT)	46	35	18,231	14,719	3	2	963	1,000
Essential oils (MT)	12	13	156,901	170,233	1	1	11,536	13,136
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	438	472	463,631	517,231	74	80	42,037	43,138
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	--	--	646,439	749,705	--	--	58,516	75,501
Sugar and related prods (MT)	--	--	250,090	353,300	--	--	28,146	37,515
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	317	405	114,334	169,411	46	38	17,534	15,905
Related sugar prods (MT)	--	--	135,757	183,888	--	--	10,612	21,610
Coffee (MT)	16	15	79,841	87,127	1	1	7,358	6,533
Cocoa (MT)	8	71	18,799	42,374	1	2	2,126	5,329
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	44	51	139,184	163,009	4	5	11,579	16,550
Tea and mate' (MT)	5	8	23,493	37,697	1	1	2,342	3,349
Spices (MT)	8	10	24,426	30,126	1	1	2,035	2,789
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	32	18	52,849	32,944	3	1	4,339	3,231
Other misc veg prods (MT)	35	28	185,478	210,315	3	3	14,010	16,576
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	99,541	170,926	--	--	6,639	11,230
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	297,159	419,458	--	--	28,105	47,542
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	10,603,196	11,955,994	--	--	1,254,074	1,289,448
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,647,615	2,345,977	--	--	315,295	232,925
Fish and shellfish (MT)	600	749	2,103,401	2,379,384	81	122	324,565	387,253
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	357	551	1,282,166	1,462,932	65	98	253,961	312,775
Shellfish (MT)	100	133	536,247	670,354	5	8	29,453	40,218
Other fish products (MT)	142	65	284,988	246,099	11	17	41,150	34,259
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	272	263	1,324,268	1,274,984	21	27	113,460	89,968
Fungicides (MT)	26	22	150,051	167,861	3	2	16,374	18,631
Herbicides (MT)	135	129	687,955	615,857	11	15	60,072	33,004
Insecticides (MT)	55	49	252,681	209,093	3	4	14,856	15,414
Other pesticides (MT)	56	63	233,581	282,173	4	6	22,158	22,919
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,512,881	1,899,994	--	--	160,830	157,422
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	36	31	513,438	640,098	2	2	47,623	47,398
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	999,444	1,259,896	--	--	113,207	110,024
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	3,015,031	4,055,654	--	--	339,923	421,879

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	19,916,476	20,785,623	--	--	1,818,121	1,725,577
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	5,759,558	5,167,626	--	--	538,918	422,209
Bananas and plantains (MT)	2,812	2,973	786,021	852,246	260	270	70,445	77,858
Coffee, including products (MT)	962	1,214	2,254,695	1,875,904	124	78	235,748	128,127
Cocoa and products (MT)	523	657	895,785	964,614	53	61	89,520	96,341
Tea and mate' (MT)	83	80	122,167	141,084	7	6	11,149	11,088
Spices (MT)	101	97	270,209	221,405	9	8	24,519	17,519
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	856	757	988,707	640,180	68	61	67,282	53,181
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	10,147	10,135	0	0	878	32
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	15	13	53,902	40,182	1	1	3,899	2,056
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	81	87	38,228	39,727	10	9	4,183	3,874
Essential oils (MT)	14	32	128,376	135,864	1	1	11,218	12,198
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	47	54	205,473	245,580	4	5	19,989	19,803
Other noncompetit. imports (NA)	--	--	5,847	704	--	--	88	131
Competitive agricult imports (NA)	--	--	14,156,919	15,617,997	--	--	1,279,203	1,303,368
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	4,532,143	5,061,955	--	--	402,917	453,051
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	2,328	2,756	692,622	969,558	175	139	52,358	56,810
Cattle - live (NO)	1,135	1,842	537,081	829,211	56	78	37,194	46,694
Horses & mules - live (NO)	9	11	51,960	49,567	1	1	2,955	3,512
Swine - live (NO)	1,039	863	96,719	88,537	112	55	11,702	6,357
Sheep - live (NO)	115	23	6,093	1,666	7	2	498	201
Other live animals (NO)	30	17	768	577	0	3	9	45
Meats and prods ex poultry (MT)	1,017	1,049	2,253,684	2,608,721	95	104	215,963	260,411
Beef and veal (MT)	621	691	1,412,936	1,687,125	61	69	141,071	162,454
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	559	622	1,248,387	1,488,673	56	64	126,013	150,173
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	62	69	164,548	198,452	5	4	15,058	12,281
Pork (MT)	347	313	721,494	813,381	29	32	64,165	88,389
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	224	206	371,261	431,378	20	22	37,162	51,179
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	123	107	350,234	382,003	9	10	27,003	37,209
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	18	16	39,122	35,483	2	2	4,075	2,842
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	19	53	0	0	0	0
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	11	10	18,370	17,098	1	1	1,554	2,120
Other meats-fresh or froz (MT)	3	2	22,387	9,111	0	0	1,333	681
Other meats & products (MT)	16	16	39,356	46,469	2	1	3,766	3,919
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	117,239	120,384	--	--	11,540	12,091
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	14,000	14,104	--	--	1,600	1,269
Poultry meat (MT)	4	4	12,984	17,833	0	1	612	2,629
Eggs (NA)	--	--	22,817	23,399	--	--	2,955	2,219
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	11	12	67,438	65,048	1	1	6,373	5,977
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	760,778	882,202	--	--	75,724	80,974
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	14	15	14,855	15,762	1	1	782	398
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	2	2	3,430	3,803	0	0	319	185
Cheese (MT)	106	131	328,262	403,511	12	12	36,077	38,260
Casein & mixtures (MT)	68	88	319,668	401,542	7	9	34,079	36,838
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	94,563	57,585	--	--	4,467	5,294
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	13	17	13,132	13,487	1	2	1,246	1,096
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	224,505	127,691	--	--	13,400	11,257
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	6	7	35,258	32,098	0	1	2,578	3,190
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA)	--	--	59,742	57,399	--	--	4,171	4,296
Furskins (NA)	--	--	129,505	38,195	--	--	6,291	3,771
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	44	31	255,091	136,093	3	3	13,896	11,991
Sausage casings (MT)	14	12	65,355	49,119	1	1	6,449	4,828
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,029	2,878	--	--	83	266
Misc. animal products (NA)	--	--	147,708	151,821	--	--	12,618	13,327
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	3,189	3,184	1,040,634	1,080,362	337	309	106,547	98,709
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	273	397	47,538	58,306	50	82	7,495	9,640
Corn, unmilled (MT)	45	32	18,315	4,105	2	1	358	80
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,090	979	145,317	94,796	127	84	12,809	6,649
Barley, unmilled (MT)	240	224	41,831	37,162	30	3	4,981	326
Rice (MT)	111	131	52,787	65,562	9	11	4,523	4,909
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	138	145	282,515	308,222	16	13	31,131	28,825
Pasta & noodles (MT)	116	133	98,876	121,530	13	15	11,122	12,999
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	156,434	156,814	--	--	15,314	15,274
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	925	895	197,220	233,863	65	71	18,812	20,007
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,796	1,866	1,035,281	1,145,526	86	83	62,384	63,833
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,304	1,378	659,954	758,386	39	44	28,390	32,067
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	40	47	33,618	44,638	1	1	783	521
Apples, fresh (MT)	113	99	47,045	38,087	1	1	400	271
Citrus, fresh (MT)	75	82	18,276	21,342	7	6	958	969
Grapes, fresh (MT)	277	366	217,006	275,729	0	0	2	416
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	51	57	41,342	55,857	10	8	7,568	7,096
Melons, fresh (MT)	484	426	127,149	118,061	0	1	4	148
Pineapples, fresh (MT)	86	106	36,040	44,117	6	10	2,469	3,915
Other fruits- fresh or frozen	178	195	139,477	160,555	13	18	16,206	18,731
Fruits - prepared or preserved	491	488	375,327	387,141	46	39	33,994	31,766
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	271	266	157,434	156,139	28	23	14,868	13,325
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	221	222	217,892	231,002	18	16	19,126	18,441
Orange juice (HL)	13,598	18,271	469,590	619,781	289	776	10,026	32,146
Other fruit juices (HL)	12,588	12,750	281,126	288,701	1,106	1,368	23,821	29,793
Nuts and preparations (MT)	119	137	299,204	319,025	13	15	38,236	39,856
Brazil nuts (MT)	5	11	14,041	18,254	1	2	2,001	2,937
Cashew nuts (MT)	42	48	188,005	187,622	6	6	25,648	24,613
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	8,548	10,161	0	0	15	10
Coconut meat (MT)	41	44	34,804	35,445	4	4	3,291	3,098
Filberts (MT)	2	0	6,249	731	0	0	64	26
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	2	19,623	14,242	0	0	3,580	2,888
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	2	2,617	7,216	0	0	383	195
Other nuts (MT)	22	26	25,316	45,354	2	3	3,254	6,090

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,843,106	2,152,101	--	--	130,669	118,662
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,691	1,780	875,279	1,176,411	97	69	46,112	38,498
Tomatoes (MT)	346	376	205,131	387,228	19	11	6,326	4,537
Asparagus (MT)	14	18	17,118	26,205	1	1	1,088	1,092
Beans (MT)	22	20	19,874	22,793	1	1	881	548
Carrots (MT)	47	55	11,345	10,883	4	2	915	417
Cucumbers (MT)	192	188	78,878	75,293	2	1	1,062	618
Eggplant (MT)	17	14	8,572	17,002	0	0	0	82
Garlic (MT)	13	18	11,048	17,924	1	1	672	1,292
Lettuce (MT)	27	13	9,172	4,776	2	1	554	249
Onions (MT)	155	171	64,315	67,404	4	5	2,229	2,774
Peas, including chickpeas (MT)	44	37	44,297	44,632	4	3	3,238	2,338
Peppers (MT)	129	132	100,042	153,494	6	6	3,905	4,059
Potatoes (MT)	236	254	66,703	77,638	14	9	4,338	3,215
Squash (MT)	75	78	34,267	42,910	1	0	287	55
Other vegg-fresh or froz (MT)	375	405	204,518	228,228	40	28	20,616	17,223
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA)	--	--	967,827	975,690	--	--	84,557	80,165
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	63	64	127,258	131,029	6	6	11,637	10,204
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	49	43	118,307	108,735	5	4	11,207	9,832
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	8	24,613	35,171	0	0	8	4
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	14	12	27,354	22,294	2	1	4,149	2,287
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	1	3,932	2,303	0	0	94	424
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	181	145	154,356	130,354	8	8	6,743	5,902
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	31	22,125	24,569	4	2	3,267	1,842
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	56	54	31,486	30,362	6	4	3,592	2,055
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	458,396	490,874	--	--	43,859	47,614
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	885,892	993,516	--	--	130,190	79,117
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	1,551	1,558	585,471	645,013	226	116	94,020	44,151
Molasses - inedible (MT)	4,571	6,996	57,685	65,290	822	406	5,320	4,103
Confectionery products (MT)	75	99	129,086	173,126	11	13	18,204	21,966
Other sugar & rel prods (MT)	270	246	113,650	110,087	32	20	12,645	8,898
Spices (MT)	19	20	36,278	27,328	1	2	1,568	1,825
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	158	175	484,182	528,015	18	19	56,850	53,868
Tobacco - filler (MT)	141	159	465,486	510,946	16	14	55,680	51,831
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	14	15	7,030	6,376	2	5	716	1,535
Other tobacco (MT)	3	1	11,667	10,694	0	0	454	502
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	12,909	12,462	1,665,974	1,716,881	1,423	1,326	168,058	175,847
Wine (HL)	2,575	2,496	816,885	851,076	237	224	69,682	78,595
Malt beverages (HL)	9,523	9,276	789,080	813,644	1,106	1,012	92,542	90,077
Other beverages (HL)	812	689	60,009	52,160	79	91	5,833	7,175
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,776	1,880	880,281	894,929	162	174	78,045	83,908
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	388	494	146,061	193,645	24	16	10,529	9,379
Flaxseed (MT)	156	101	52,580	32,927	7	4	2,303	1,112
Sesameseed (MT)	37	43	33,265	54,428	3	3	3,182	4,576
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	195	351	60,215	106,290	14	9	5,044	3,691
Oils and waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,060	1,097	674,388	656,112	95	118	60,439	68,722
Castor oil (MT)	36	37	33,136	34,779	2	2	2,185	1,922
Coconut oil (MT)	324	451	160,759	184,461	24	53	12,594	17,774
Olive oil (MT)	80	86	143,759	172,354	7	9	12,645	19,930
Palm oil (MT)	124	109	49,439	28,748	14	11	5,828	2,742
Palm kernel oil (MT)	165	153	88,979	64,084	17	11	7,616	4,178
Other oils and waxes-veg. (MT)	330	261	198,315	171,687	31	33	19,571	22,176
Oilcake and meal (MT)	328	288	59,833	45,172	43	40	7,078	5,807
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1	0	3,371	566	0	0	14	40
Cotton linters (MT)	11	28	3,551	17,755	1	2	610	1,671
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	154	167	174,747	157,511	5	4	10,564	10,064
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	278,214	287,543	--	--	19,703	20,185
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	137,964	181,638	--	--	27,604	27,120
Other vegetable products (MT)	29	40	104,380	144,864	3	3	11,398	13,671
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	9,153,854	9,162,198	--	--	821,160	792,226
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	41,282	14,933	1,548,485	1,335,820	1,088	1,404	111,065	106,369
Potassium (MT)	6,054	6,191	540,820	502,888	490	609	41,104	42,474
Nitrogen (MT) 1/	31,992	4,651	710,285	551,118	219	415	39,519	41,088
Phosphate (MT)	3,039	4,072	265,490	278,018	376	379	30,012	22,594
Mixed and organ. fertlzers (MT)	155	0	25,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	16,937	1,304	4,871,881	4,778,591	136	131	488,612	455,296
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	876	868	2,326,706	2,363,944	91	83	260,543	250,054
Shellfish (MT)	325	330	2,478,836	2,361,676	31	28	221,300	196,599
Fish products, other (MT)	15,736	106	66,338	52,972	14	21	6,769	8,643
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	69	92	390,110	502,147	4	8	21,556	32,147
Fungicides (MT)	13	18	50,107	46,598	1	2	2,411	4,402
Herbicides (MT)	22	26	143,671	150,260	1	1	6,079	2,448
Insecticides (MT)	2	3	27,334	32,344	0	0	2,181	909
Other pesticides (MT)	32	45	168,997	272,946	1	5	10,885	24,388
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,262,821	2,458,805	--	--	190,735	191,930
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	995	1,548	1,023,041	1,205,756	88	121	87,872	94,114
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,239,780	1,253,049	--	--	102,862	97,816
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	80,558	86,834	--	--	9,192	6,484

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	June	July	Aug	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,234	2,766	2,945	37,459	2.2
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,942	1,858	1,875	22,787	3.1
Imports (Customs val.)	1,812	1,802	1,726	20,786	4.4
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,292	909	1,070	14,672	0.9
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,422	965	1,219	16,673	-0.3
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--U.S. agricultural exports to selected markets
Value by month, Oct.-Aug. 1989/90 and 1988/89.

Month	Japan	EC-12	Canada	USSR	Mexico	Korea
	1/ ---Million dollars---					
Oct	668	726	205	117	317	206
Nov	769	737	163	388	215	238
Dec	675	706	173	378	197	225
Jan	687	767	323	339	198	239
Feb	728	668	309	319	208	218
Mar	759	827	357	326	227	278
Apr	699	564	361	365	173	195
May	692	443	405	254	249	217
Jun	598	379	389	391	224	231
Jul	652	293	363	92	218	217
Aug	635	348	372	11	230	248
Oct.-Aug.:						
1989/90	7,564	6,481	3,396	2,980	2,457	2,512
1988/89	7,568	6,183	1,988	3,281	2,508	2,303

1/ Exports to Canada underreported prior to January 1990.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	June	July	Aug	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,234	2,766	2,945	37,459	2.2
Live animals	24	25	29	407	-15.5
Meat & preps	260	254	281	2,824	6.5
Dairy prod & eggs	38	71	28	407	-22.3
Animal fats	34	36	35	424	-10.9
Hides & skins	148	146	145	1,664	5.0
Wheat	340	304	326	3,869	-27.7
Rice	52	36	45	764	-11.5
Corn	636	465	465	6,614	14.0
Other feed grains	64	68	92	974	-4.9
Animal feeds	220	191	238	2,682	-11.5
Soybeans	227	134	181	3,757	-5.3
Vegetable oils	90	71	66	760	-4.5
Horticult. prods.	587	522	510	5,763	22.8
Cotton & linters	192	158	194	2,573	36.2
Tobacco, unmfg.	89	56	62	1,300	8.1

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	June	July	Aug	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,812	1,802	1,726	20,786	4.4
Live animals	91	62	58	984	39.2
Meat & preps.	262	258	263	2,627	15.9
Dairy prod, eggs	98	102	83	906	15.6
Grains & feeds	93	96	99	1,080	3.8
Fruits & nuts	284	282	243	3,225	12.3
Vegetables	132	123	119	2,152	16.8
Vegetable oils	60	54	69	656	-2.7
Wine	70	63	79	851	4.2
Malt beverages	90	92	90	814	3.1
Coffee	158	150	128	1,876	-16.8
Cocoa	87	89	96	965	7.7
Rubber, natural	64	50	53	640	-35.3
Sugar	83	58	44	645	10.2
Tobacco, unmfg.	40	87	54	528	9.1
Seeds, flowers	41	33	57	627	6.1

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